

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.459]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Hurlbut Undertaking and Embalming Company Collection

Abstract: Funeral home record books, 48 volumes, of Joplin's Hurlbut Undertaking and Embalming Company. Include names of deceased, causes and dates of death, some newspaper obituaries, etc.

Extent: 48 Digitized & Microfilmed Volumes

Physical Description: PDFs and 35mm microfilm

Location: Missouri State Archives

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: None

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Hurlbut Undertaking and Embalming Company, credited with being the oldest mortuary in Joplin, was started by William K. Hurlbut, a native of Eldorado, Wisconsin who moved to Missouri with his family in 1869. Hurlbut moved to Joplin in 1903. The Hurlbut Mortuary was incorporated in 1905 with a paid-up capital stock of ten thousand dollars. William's wife Grace was named president, their son Perry K. Hurlbut vice president, and William himself was appointed secretary and treasurer. In 1914, the company became the first in Jasper County to use

a motor-driven hearse. In 1948 the building was sold to the Salvation Army and the historic Charles Schifferdecker house at 422 Sergeant became the new site of the mortuary. Around this time Newell Hurlbut sold his interest in the business to Dale Glover, whereupon the business became the Hurlbut-Glover Mortuary with Glover acting as president and Perry Hurlbut as vice president. In the early 1950s the mortuary moved to 731 Wall where it remained until the business closed in 1969.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG115.2 Department of Health and Senior Services Death Certificates

Pre-1910 Missouri Death Records online:

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/BirthDeath/>

Missouri Death Certificates online, starting in 1910:

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesmvc/deathcertificates#searchDB>

Additional External Resources

Unknown

RECORD BOOKS, 1903-1961

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Record books of Hurlbut Undertaking, which include names of deceased, causes and dates of death, some newspaper obituaries (mostly 1917-1923), etc. All 48 volumes are indexed, but some indexes are damaged or partially absent. Records are on two DVDs in Reference (PDFs) as well as microfilm reels #M470-484.

Container List

Volume	Contents	Dates	Notes
1	Record of Funeral	12/03/1903 – 11/22/1906	Missing pp. 299-301; fragile; most pages loose
2	Record of Funeral	11/30/1906 – 07/28/1908	Missing index pp. A-B, other index pages torn; fragile
3	Record of Funeral	08/01/1908 – 02/22/1910	Missing parts of index pp. B-C and all of D-I; other index pages torn; fragile
4	Record of Funeral	02/23/1910 – 06/29/1911	Fragile
5	Record of Funeral	07/02/1911 – 08/05/1912	Glued pages on pp. 2-3; fragile
6	Record of Funeral	08/06/1912 – 10/19/1913	
7	Record of Funeral	10/19/1913 – 12/22/1914	
8	Record of Funeral	12/24/1914 – 12/28/1915	
9	Record of Funeral	12/28/1915 – 09/13/1916	
10	Record of Funeral	09/13/1916 – 07/06/1917	Last few entries are not indexed (pp. 301-306)
11	Record of Funeral	07/11/1917 – 04/13/1918	Last entry (Fischer) not indexed
12	Record of Funeral	04/14/1918 – 12/05/1918	
13	Record of Funeral	12/05/1918 – 11/17/1919	
14	Record of Funeral	11/24/1919 – 11/21/1920	
15	Record of Funeral	11/22/1920 – 11/24/1921	
16	Record of Funeral	06/01/1923 – 02/25/1924	No records for 11/25/1921 through 05/31/1923
17	Record of Funeral	02/26/1924 – 11/09/1924	
18	Record of Funeral	11/10/1924 – 06/20/1925	
19	Record of Funeral	06/22/1925 – 03/03/1926	
20	Record of Funeral	03/04/1926 – 11/22/1926	Loose pages
21	Record of Funeral	11/22/1926 – 07/21/1927	
22	Record of Funeral	07/20/1927 – 03/14/1928	
23	Record of Funeral	03/16/1928 – 12/16/1928	
24	Record of Funeral	12/16/1928 – 08/10/1929	
25	Record of Funeral	08/11/1929 – 04/14/1930	
26	Record of Funeral	04/14/1930 – 01/03/1931	
27	Record of Funeral	01/05/1931 – 09/30/1931	
28	Record of Funeral	09/30/1931 – 07/06/1932	
29	Record of Funeral	07/11/1932 – 05/30/1933	

30	Record of Funeral	05/30/1933 – 05/24/1934	
31	Record of Funeral	05/25/1934 – 04/03/1935	
32	Record of Funeral	04/03/1935 – 01/18/1936	
33	Record of Funeral	01/20/1936 – 10/19/1936	
34	Record of Funeral	10/20/1936 – 07/18/1937	
35	Record of Funeral	07/19/1937 – 05/26/1938	
36	Record of Funeral	05/29/1938 – 06/03/1939	
37	Record of Funeral	06/04/1939 – 03/28/1940	Includes CA death certificate for Arminia Jones at the end of the volume (she's not indexed)
38	Record of Funeral	03/28/1940 – 02/22/1941	
39	Record of Funeral	02/23/1941 – 02/11/1942	PP. 251-300 are not indexed
40	Record of Funeral	02/12/1942 – 04/11/1943	
41	Record of Funeral	04/12/1943 – 10/05/1944	
42	Record of Funeral	10/04/1944 – 05/22/1946	Index is incomplete
43	Record of Funeral	05/25/1946 – 11/29/1947	
44	Record of Funeral	12/11/1947 – 03/23/1950	
45	Record of Funeral	03/24/1950 – 07/09/1952	
46	Record of Funeral	07/10/1952 – 12/30/1954	
47	Record of Funeral	12/31/1954 – 11/11/1958	Index is incomplete
48	Record of Funeral	11/10/1958 – 12/26/1961	